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For : METHOD OF MAKING A THREE-DIMENSIONAL SINTERED PRODUCT

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**Confirmation No. 7421**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Group Art Unit : 1742

Examiner : Scott R. Kastler

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111** in the above-captioned application.

☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☒ Three replacement drawing sheets and three annotated drawing sheets.

☐ A Request for Extension of Time.

☒ No additional fee is required.

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Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			+180=	\$	+360=	\$ 0.00
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Responsive to the Office Action of August 16, 2006, the shortened statutory period for response extending until November 16, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections therein and allowance of all the claims of the present application are respectfully requested and are believed appropriate in view of the following remarks.

Inasmuch as this amendment is being filed by the three-month date of November 16, 2006, this response is being timely filed and no fee is believed necessary. However, should any extension of time be needed, the same is hereby requested and authorization is hereby provided to charge any necessary fees to preserve the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

***Amendments to the Specification*** appear on page 2 of this paper.

***Amendments to the Claims*** appear in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

***Remarks*** begin on page 7 of this paper.